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Green Spring Valley PSD Approved For Water & Waste Disposal Grant

Morgantown, WV – April 24, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Grant of \$368,000 for Green Spring Valley Public Service District, Hampshire County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade the District's water treatment plant and distribution system. The project will involve the construction of a new filtration system, a new water storage tank, and the replacement of approximately 10,600 linear feet of waterline. This is a subsequent grant to cover a construction cost over-run and completes a total Rural Development funding package of \$1,129,000. A loan of \$591,000 and a grant of \$170,000 were obligated in Fiscal Year 2002.

Steptoe remarked, "This project will allow the District to better serve its 448 customers, demonstrating Rural Development's mission to improve the quality of life for all rural Americans."

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